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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1630 PATENT

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

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For

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING

INTERACTIONS OF MITOCHONDRIAL COMPONENTS, AND

FOR IDENTIFYING AGENTS THAT ALTER SUCH

INTERACTIONS

Examiner

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# AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

# Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, please extend the period for response two months, to expire March 21, 2003. Enclosed please find a petition for extension of time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

### In the Claims:

Please amend claim 107 to read as follows:

107. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 106 wherein the second isolated recombinant polypeptide comprises a human adenine nucleotide translocator polypeptide or variant thereof that is fused to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a DLYDDDDK [SEQ ID NO:56] epitope tag and a DYKDDDDK [SEQ ID NO:55] epitope tag,